

Creation of a Map through Python

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Purpose

Write a script which would allow the user to input a county

Generate map showing all the hospitals in that county

Tasks

- Roadblocks led to two different scripts
- I abandoned the first
- My second attempt proved successful

Attempt 1

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Project.py - C:\Users\lance\Documents\ArcGIS\geog375\project\Project.py
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from arcpy.mapping import *

#set workspace
arcpy.env.workspace = 'C:\\Users\\lance\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\geog375\\project\\Project.gdb'
#arcpy.env.workspace = 'E:\\geog375\\project\\Project.gdb'

#variables
CNTY = 'Counties' #source county feature class
CNTY_L = 'Counties_fl' #feature layer of county feature class
HOS = 'Hospitals' # source feature class with hospital locations
HOS_L = 'Hospitals_fl' #feature layer of hospitals
AUTHOR = 'L. Duncan'
TODAY = datetime.date.today().strftime('%m.%d.%Y')
MAP_PATH = 'C:\\Users\\lance\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\geog375\\project\\'
#MAP_PATH = 'E:\\geog375\\project\\'
mxd = MapDocument(MAP_PATH + 'Project.mxd')

try:
#1-search for and locate county
#look for and delete feature layer
if arcpy.Exists(CNTY_L):
    arcpy.Delete_management(CNTY_L)
#make feature layer
arcpy.MakeFeatureLayer_management(CNTY, CNTY_L)
print 'created feature layer of ' + CNTY + '\n'
#create query for desired county
query = """"NAME" = 'Sacramento'"""
#define fields
field = ["NAME", "STATE_NAME", "FIPS", "POP2000"]
print 'searching for county of: ' + query + '\n'
#execute search cursor

with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(CNTY, field, where_clause=query) as srows:
    for srow in srows:
        cnty = srow[0]
        state = srow[1]
        fips = srow[2]
        pop = srow[3]

        print cnty + ', ' + state + ': Fips Code = ' + str(fips) + '; population = ' + str(pop)
#2-select hospitals within county
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        pop = srow[3]

        print cnty + ', ' + state + ': Fips Code = ' + str(fips) + '; population = ' + str(pop)
#2-select hospitals within county
#make feature layer
arcpy.MakeFeatureLayer_management(HOS, HOS_L)
print '\n' + 'created feature layer of ' + HOS + '\n'
#select by location
arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(CNTY_L, "NEW_SELECTION", query)
arcpy.SelectLayerByLocation_management(HOS_L, "WITHIN", CNTY_L, "", "NEW_SELECTION")
#couldn't get to work, so reverted to select by attribute
#define query for hospitals based on fips code
#county = """"STCTYFIPS" = '06067'"""
#select hospitals in desired county
#arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(HOS_L, "NEW_SELECTION", county)

result = arcpy.GetCount_management(HOS_L)
print 'Number of selected hospitals = ' + str(result) + '\n'
county = """"STCTYFIPS" = '06067'"""
#execute search cursor
with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(HOS, "NAME", where_clause=county) as hrows:
    for hrow in hrows:
        name = hrow[0]
        print 'Hospital Name: ' + name
#3-label hospitals
dataframe = ListDataFrames(mxd, "Layers") [0]
TOCLayers = ListLayers(mxd)
for TOCLayer in TOCLayers:
    #TOCLayer.LabelName = 'Hospital Name'

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print 'hospital Name: ' + name

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dataframe = ListDataFrames(mxd, "Layers") [0]
TOCLayers = ListLayers(mxd)
for TOCLayer in TOCLayers:
    if TOCLayer.longName == 'Project\Hospitals':
        HL = TOCLayer
    if TOCLayer.longName == 'Project\Counties':
        CL = TOCLayer
    if TOCLayer.longName == 'Project\Hospitals':
        TOCLayer.showLabels = True

#4-display desired county with hospitals on map
#dataframe.zoomToSelectedFeatures()
with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(HL, "NAME", county) as HLrows:
    for HLrow in HLrows:
        sac = HLrow[0]
        arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(CL, "NEW_SELECTION", query)
        arcpy.SelectLayerByLocation_management(HL, "WITHIN", CL, "", "NEW_SELECTION")

        dataframe.extent = HL.getExtent()
        dataframe.scale = dataframe.scale * 1.1
    print 'zoomed to selected features \n'

#5-change layout elements
#match title with county
tElements = ListLayoutElements(mxd, "TEXT_ELEMENT")
for tElement in tElements:
    if tElement.name == 'Map Title':
        tElement.text = 'Sacramento, CA'
        tElement.elementPositionX = 4.9
    #match date with today
    if tElement.name == 'Print Date':
        tElement.text = str(TODAY)
    #match Authorship
    if tElement.name == 'Author':
        tElement.text = AUTHOR
print '\n updated layout'

#6-print results
arcpy.RefreshActiveView()
mxd.saveACopy(MAP_PATH + 'SAC.mxd')
print 'made copy of map'
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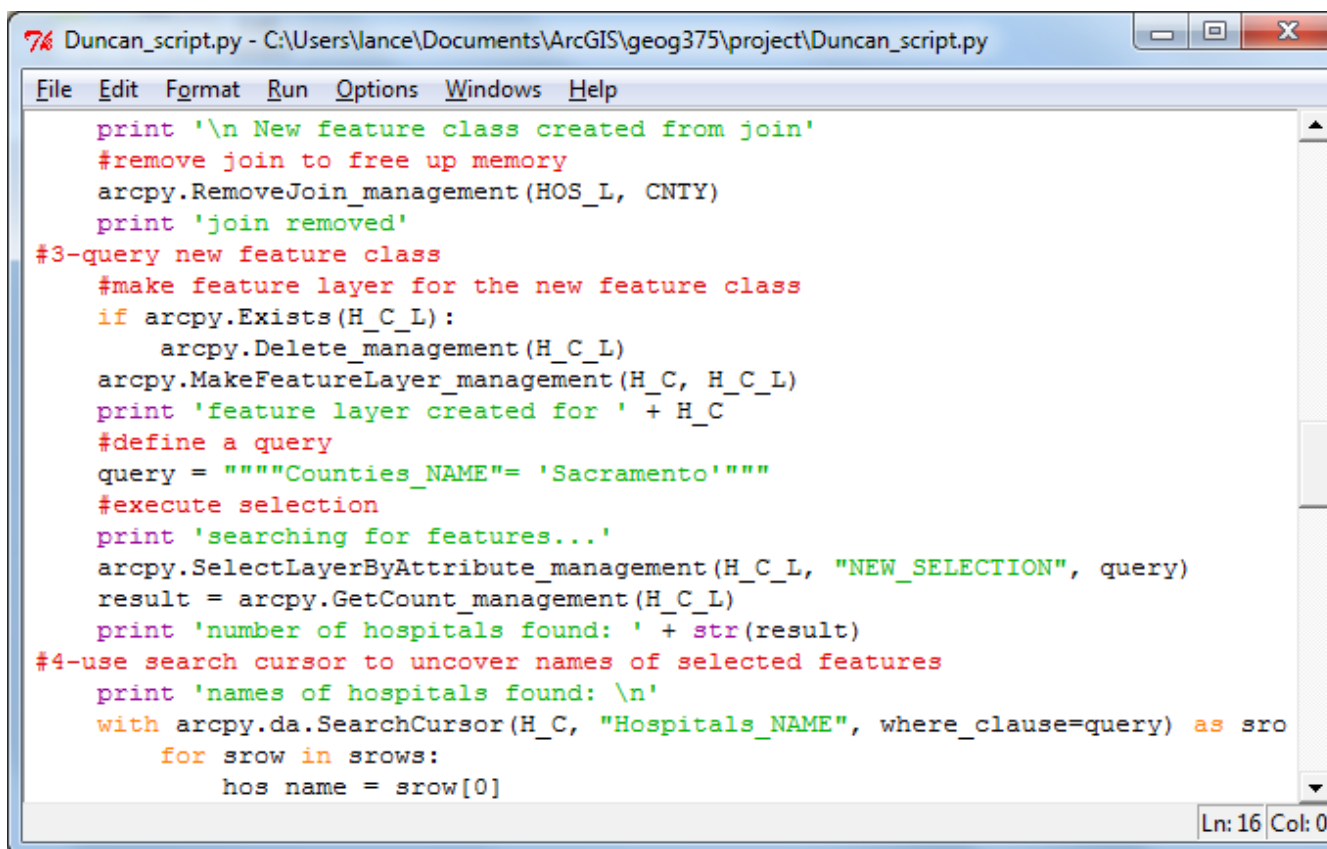
Attempt 2

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map_path = 'C:\\Users\\lance\\Documents\\ArcGIS\\geog375\\project\\'
mxd = MapDocument(map_path + 'Project.mxd')
TODAY = datetime.date.today().strftime('%m.%d.%Y')
author = 'Lance Duncan'
df = ListDataFrames(mxd, "Layers") [0]
sac = map_path + 'sac.mxd'

try:
#1-join hospitals with counties
#create indexes, first deleting any previously made
indexes = arcpy.ListIndexes(CNTY)
for index in indexes:
    if(index.name == 'cnty_index'):
        arcpy.RemoveIndex_management(CNTY, 'cnty_index')
indexes = arcpy.ListIndexes(HOS)
for index in indexes:
    if(index.name == 'hos_index'):
        arcpy.RemoveIndex_management(HOS, 'hos_index')
arcpy.AddIndex_management(CNTY, 'NAME; STATE_NAME; FIPS', 'cnty_index', 'NON')
print 'index created for ' + CNTY
arcpy.AddIndex_management(HOS, 'NAME; STCTYFIPS; ELEV_METER', 'hos_index', 'NON')
print 'index created for ' + HOS
#create feature layers, first deleting any previously made
if arcpy.Exists(CNTY_L):
    arcpy.Delete_management(CNTY_L)
if arcpy.Exists(HOS_L):
    arcpy.Delete_management(HOS_L)
arcpy.MakeFeatureLayer_management(CNTY, CNTY_L)
print 'feature layer created for ' + CNTY
arcpy.MakeFeatureLayer_management(HOS, HOS_L)
print 'feature layer created for ' + HOS
#execute join
arcpy.AddJoin_management(HOS_L, "STCTYFIPS", CNTY_L, "FIPS", "KEEP_ALL")
print 'joined ' + CNTY_L + ' and ' + HOS_L
#print field names of join to ensure proper completion
fields = arcpy.ListFields(HOS_L)
print 'resulting fields: \n'
for field in fields:
    print field.name
#2-create new feature class from join
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Attempt 2



The image shows a screenshot of a Python script editor window titled "7% Duncan_script.py - C:\Users\lance\Documents\ArcGIS\geog375\project\Duncan_script.py". The window has a menu bar with "File", "Edit", "Format", "Run", "Options", "Windows", and "Help". The script content is as follows:

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print '\n New feature class created from join'
#remove join to free up memory
arcpy.RemoveJoin_management(HOS_L, CNTY)
print 'join removed'
#3-query new feature class
#make feature layer for the new feature class
if arcpy.Exists(H_C_L):
    arcpy.Delete_management(H_C_L)
arcpy.MakeFeatureLayer_management(H_C, H_C_L)
print 'feature layer created for ' + H_C
#define a query
query = """"Counties_NAME"= 'Sacramento'"""
#execute selection
print 'searching for features...'
arcpy.SelectLayerByAttribute_management(H_C_L, "NEW_SELECTION", query)
result = arcpy.GetCount_management(H_C_L)
print 'number of hospitals found: ' + str(result)
#4-use search cursor to uncover names of selected features
print 'names of hospitals found: \n'
with arcpy.da.SearchCursor(H_C, "Hospitals_NAME", where_clause=query) as sro:
    for srow in srows:
        hos name = srow[0]
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The status bar at the bottom right indicates "Ln: 16 Col: 0".

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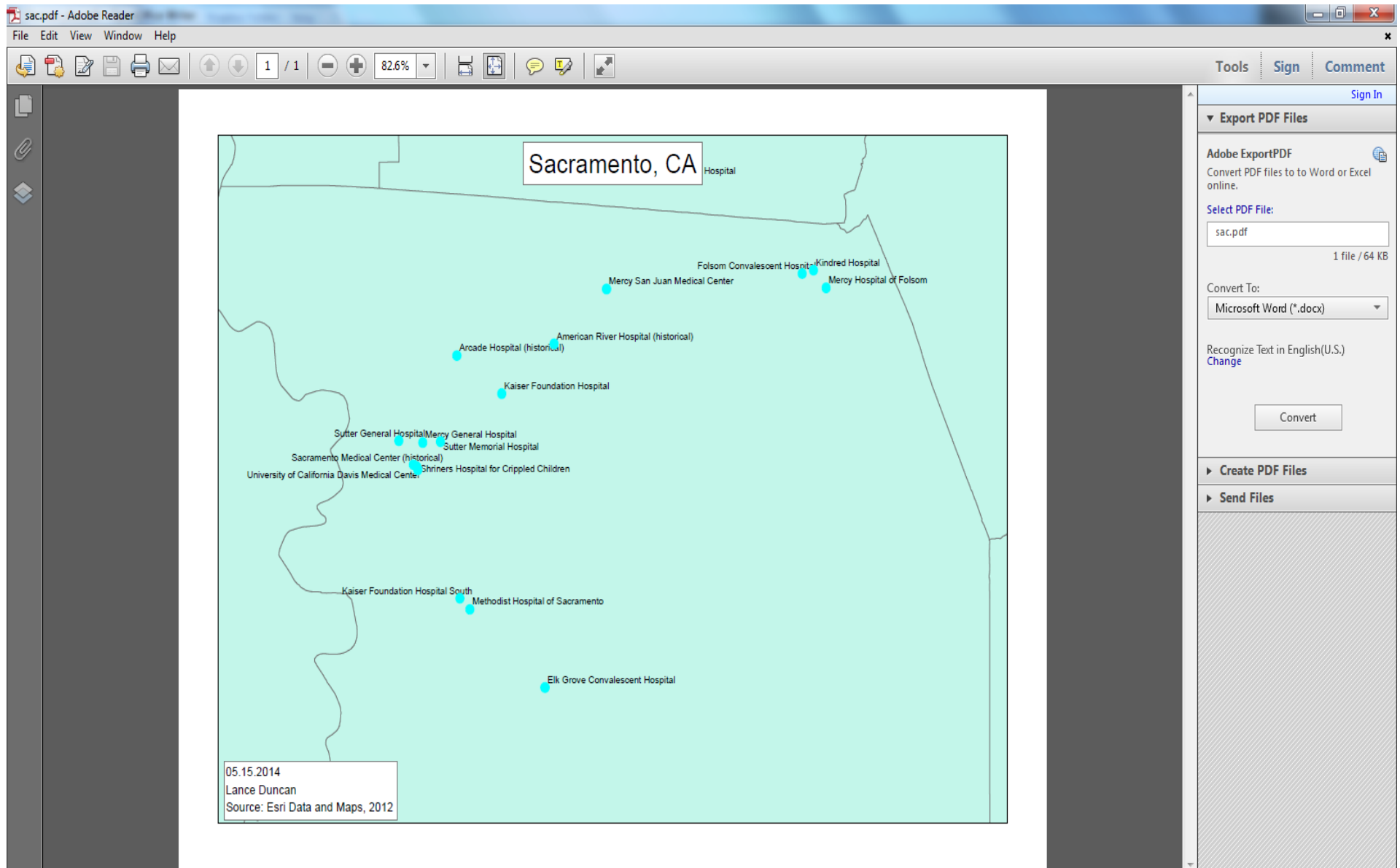
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7% Duncan_script.py - C:\Users\lance\Documents\ArcGIS\geog375\project\Duncan_script.py
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print '\n added ' + H_C_L + ' to map document'
#6-modify map layout and dataframe
#access layers
TOCs = ListLayers(mxd, '', df)
print 'layers within map document: \n'
for TOC in TOCs:
    print str(TOC.name)      #print layers to confirm desired result
    if TOC.name == 'Hospital_County_Layer':      #Label selected hospitals
        TOC.showLabels = True
print '\n' + H_C_L + ' features labeled'
#zoom to selected features
df.zoomToSelectedFeatures()
df.scale = df.scale * 1.5
print 'zoomed to selection'
#update layout elements
Texts = ListLayoutElements(mxd, "TEXT_ELEMENT")
for Text in Texts:
    if Text.name == 'Title':
        Text.text = 'Sacramento, CA'
    if Text.name == 'Date':
        Text.text = str(TODAY)
        Text.elementPositionX = 0.6
    if Text.name == 'Author':
        Text.text = author
        Text.elementPositionX = 0.6
    print 'updated Title, Date, and Author'
#7-export map, first deleting any previously made
if arcpy.Exists(sac):
    arcpy.Delete_management(sac)
mxd.saveACopy(sac)
print 'exported to ' + sac

print 'writing PDF to file...'
if arcpy.Exists(map_path + 'sac.pdf'):
    arcpy.Delete_management(map_path + 'sac.pdf')
ExportToPDF(mxd, map_path + 'sac.pdf')
print 'created pdf of map'

print '\n script complete'
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Result



Conclusions

- First or most obvious approach might not be the best approach
- I was not proficient at using the mapping module
- GUI possibilities